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In re Application of:

Yoshiaki TOMOMATSU

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
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Examiner: B. Choobin
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450STATUS INQUIRY
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

A Request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment were filed on February 16, 2005, but no further communications have been received from the U.S.P.T.O. An indication of the current status is requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

An English Abstract for the Korean Patent Application was obtained from a commercial database and is enclosed. The WO 94/03997 document has an English abstract on the cover page.

The cited Korean document was cited in a Korean Search Report of a counterpart foreign application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Search Report is dated July 26, 2005. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. The cited PCT document is a counterpart to the Korean document.

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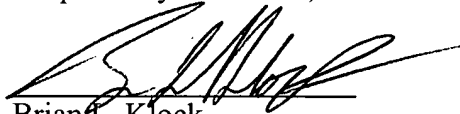
Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be due. However, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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0136042	04/27/98	Korea			Abstract		
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